

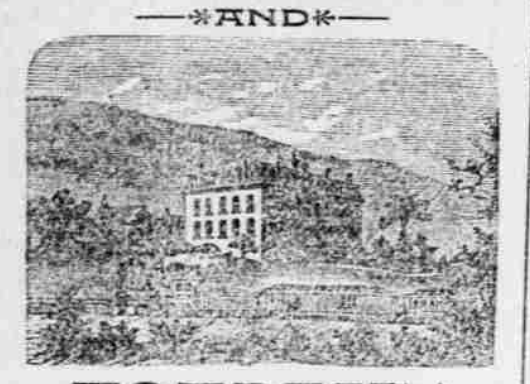
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OTTO LUEDDECKE.  
A Few Words on Local Option.  
Ed. Register—In your REGISTER January 5th I noticed two articles in opposition to local option. The first one signed "Wets," holds up the scarecrow of increased taxes if that law is adopted. He seems to think that there is but one side to that question, but let me show him there is another phase to be looked at. In the breast of every habitually sober man there dwells an innate love of home; some spot in this wide world that he can call home. Now while men can swallow down all of their earnings in intoxicating liquors, the "tempter," who himself felt so wealthy that he could offer to give the whole world to the Creator of it, makes these men feel so rich that they do not need a place to call home, for the whole world and the fulness thereof is theirs already, but let us take away these devices of the devil and men will feel as did our first parents, when they were turned out of the garden of Eden, they will feel a nakedness that will make them bestir themselves for a covering—a home. If there could be no intoxicants procured all men (or nearly so) would go to work to pass away time, if for no better purpose, and some money would accumulate and this would be laid out in buying a home, and soon all of these wild lands which are now lying idle and bringing in nothing, and also those which are bringing in only a trifling revenue, would soon be brought up for improvement, and then taxes would be levied on them which would bring into the treasury five times the money that they do now, and besides this many men who now have larger farms than they find profitable to carry on by themselves, would sell a part to some one who had never owned a farm, and so the land would be better cultivated and improved and thus enhance the value and of course heavier taxes to be paid upon the whole. In this way the State and county taxes would be made complete without destroying the souls and bodies of men, but by making those men fit citizens for a civilized country and at the same time making the desert places to bud and blossom as the rose.  
"Wets" also say "there are a large number of people in Iron county who would vote for local option, if they knew they could get liquor for medical purposes, after its adoption." I hope they understand J. P. Wood's article (immediately succeeding "Wets"). But supposing there could be no liquor procured for any purpose whatever, how long would it be before something better would be found for a substitute. "Necessity is the mother of invention." In the meantime there would not be half of the deaths caused from the lack of the vile stuff as there has been in the same length of time by the use of it. Forty-five years ago the treatment for a stubborn case of sore eyes was to have a quart of blood taken from the patient's arm every other day and a blister on each wrist and crown oil blisters on the temples and acetone in the back of the neck and each arm, also to have the face under the eyes cupped every day to extract the blood from the eyes. I have witnessed this treatment upon a girl not yet in her teens, and experienced a part of it myself. Now, were a doctor to use such treatment in these days, he would be ostracized and hooded at. So there will come a time, and it is fast approaching, when liquor will be thought no more necessary as a restorative than a seton. The medical fraternity have only been practicing what they were taught, but they will be taught a better way in the near future. Some physicians in France, and also in the United States, are already successfully treating all kinds of diseases without alcoholic liquors. All of this talk about fanaticism is mere bosh. Who would not rather be a fanatic than a fool?  
Any woman who does not think enough for her father, brothers, husband and sons to work the best she can for their temporal and spiritual welfare, is devoid of common sense at least. How can any one say that local option is a political question? We might as well say that the question of a cord around a city or town or any other part of the country, in time of cholera or plague, is a political question, or the question of a quarantine is a political question. In all such political questions as these all right minded people are interested regardless of party name. Will some one answer this question? "Why do people who publish articles in opposition to local option withhold their real names? Is it possible that they are ashamed to have their names attached to such a cause as they espouse?" M. R. SMITH.  
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Let Facts Talk. Mr. Editor—Thanking you for your neutrality, which enables both parties of this so-called local option question to defend their different principles and opinions, I beg you to insert the following lines in the REGISTER.

When we had the pleasure to hear Mrs. Burr, and lately Prof. Fox, talk on the profits derived from local option we found it evident that one, as well as the other, tried to deceive the audience by statements which were not true and by figures entirely contrary to the United States census of 1870.

So, for instance, Mrs. Burr claimed nine-tenths of the insane, of the criminals, of cases of prostitution to be the result of intoxicating drinks, and even our Congress was not saved from her slander.

As for cases of insanity, it is estimated that the number of insane persons in the United States is 168,000; in Germany, 108,000; in France, 93,000; in England, 81,000; in Russia, 80,000; Italy, 44,000; Austria, 35,000; Ireland, 19,500, etc. Causes of insanity: Hereditary, 24 per cent.; drink, 14 per cent.; busi-

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Switzerland..... 15.30 55.00 37.50  
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Denmark..... 18.90 1.00 33.33  
Belgium contains the greatest number of beer drinkers, the French excel on wine and the Danish on whisky; Canada is the most moderate of all. And now are there less murders in Canada than elsewhere? Canada has 7,300 insane, while Belgium and Netherlands combined have no more than 10,400. The climate being nearly the same the population of Canada is not healthier than Denmark. Look at the French and Belgians; is their condition worse than ours?

And from a financial point of view we must remind our tax-payers and voters of the receipts, which from beer and whisky flow into Uncle Sam's pocket. Beer was brewed in the U. S. in 1880, 14,865,548 barrels of 31 gallons each. In the treasury was received for whisky, beer and tobacco, \$121,586,072.51 cents. This gigantic sum of money was paid to a great extent by such individuals who under local option law would pay nothing. And how many thousand people find employment in the production of these necessities. They are not necessities, is the constant cry of those water apostles. Yes, but we claim they are. Every nation, ancient or modern, had its stimulants. The negroes of Africa have their beverage made from fermented fruit. The Tartar have the kumis, the South Americans have chewed corn fermented in water, which in their opinion forms a good drink, while the inhabitants of Maine are on the same level with the Indians in Chili, both have their sour cider, which if it does not ruin the nervous system, utterly destroys the digestive organs.

Taking a religious point of view, we challenge any or all—the theologian, preacher, or member of Christian religion, to produce a fact from the bible by which God, through the inspired writers of the bible, denies or forbids the use of wine, beer, or alcoholic liquors. On the contrary, there are many passages in the holy book which order, or, at least, advise the use of stimulants; as, for instance, at the wedding of Cana, where Christ himself manufactured wine. The Apostle Paul in 1st Timothy, v. 23, says: "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake, and thine often infirmities." Not mentioning many other passages, we will cite the motto of Dr. Martin Luther: "A person not loving wine, woman and song, is a fool all his lifetime!"

And lastly in a moral point of view we shall call the attention of our readers to the fact that local option can never improve morality. All human experience shows that morality, forced into existence by punishment is no morality at all! C. F. Gellert, Professor of Morals at Leipzig, shows this in a brilliant way in his fables, namely the child and the scissors. It is no morality if we force our people by law to be saints. Whatever is done for men or classes, to a certain extent, takes away the stimulus and necessity of doing it for themselves; and where men are subjected to over-government and over-protection, the inevitable tendency is to render them comparatively helpless. It is energetic individualism which produces the most powerful effect. The determination to be one's own helper is the surest way to individual development and strength. And is there a champion of the local option question who can deny that there are more, or as many, moral persons among drinkers as among non-drinkers?

Look at the powerful mastermind of Prince Bismarck, how that man, who was the wildest drinker in his youth, could outlive his 30 years allowed by the W. C. T. Union, and have the impunity to be seventy-two years old, and exercise at present a greater latent power over the world than Napoleon I ever did, we let to Mrs. Burr and Prof. Fox to explain. Bismarck, through all his life, has been more than a moderate drinker, and still there is no reason to doubt his healthy mental condition. Old William is now ninety years old, and every day in his life drank wine or beer, as even Prof. Parkes will allow, without injury! The limits of this sketch do not allow me to mention more cases; the readers will find them among every-day life sufficiently.

But, concluding, we must take notice of Mr. DeHaven's experience. He informed us in a little speech that he at numerous times during his life made a fool of himself; continuing, he advised the voters strongly for local option. We certainly pity Mr. DeHaven for possessing so little self-reliance. But we will not take his advice to disgrace ourselves! Then it is unquestionably a disgrace to the individual to make him holy by removing temptations. God himself created temptation (according to faith) all around us, to try everyone's worthiness.

And it is a disgrace of our Iron county if we adopt a law which makes charity and hospitality a crime; a law which makes hypocrites out of our citizens, empties our treasury, and which, after all, does no good! The most zealous local optionist admits that local option will not stop drinking!

ness, 12 per cent.; loss of friends, 11 per cent.; sickness, 10 per cent.; various, 29 per cent. This result is the medium average arrived at on comparing the returns for the United States, England, France and Denmark.

And now I ask Mrs. Burr, Prof. Fox or any champion of the local option cause in the face of these figures, taken from the census of the leading nations, to renew their statement that nine-tenths of the cases of insanity are caused by drunkenness. Fourteen per cent. is only one-seventh of those cases caused by drink.

Further, as to criminal cases we are sure that there is no person silly enough to believe that nine-tenths of criminal cases are caused by drink. As this is proved already by other parties, I only recall to our voters the criminal cost to dramsop licenses lately published. Post mortem examinations in France give an average of 55 to 60 ounces of the brain of the worst class of criminals, when the average French brain is only 47.9. Is this the cause of drink? Coming to the causes of prostitution, of which, according to Mrs. Burr, nine-tenths are intoxicated drunks, we venture to say that as alcohol was invented about 950 years ago (by Hagar, in Arabia; first used by women to paint their faces) and beer, an invention of our old German ancestors—both were unknown to those ancient monarchies and republics as the Babylonian, Persian, Greece, Roman and mainly the Hebrew nation. And now is there any man or woman to deny that the prostitution of ancient times was not far greater than it is today? Read the accounts given in our holy bible on this score. How many thousands of females, devoted to lewdness were, according to history, in ancient Rome? We feel not inclined to define the causes of prostitution, but only remind our readers to the fact that it is an unmistakable lie, which Mrs. Burr and her champions use to deceive our voters.

And now we ask any true American whether we must admit that our Congress is corrupted by intoxicating drink? We do admit that among our Congressmen are non-drinkers, moderate drinkers and excessive drinkers, but we can never admit that the corruption is caused by drink. The desire to make money, to get rich, party hatred, etc., are the causes of corruption, not only in Congress, but society at large.

Reflecting on the local option law by taking different views, we will first show by figures taken from the census of various countries that from an hygienical point of view the introduction of local option, prohibition or submissio is entirely unreasonable.

The degrees of Wines and Liquors are: Beer, 4.0; porter, 4.5; ale, 7.4; cider, 8.6; perry, 8.8; elder, 9.3; Moselle, 9.6; Tokay, 10.2; Rhine, 11.0; champagne, 12.2; Madeira, 21.00; port, 23.02; Irish whisky, 53.9; brandy, 53.4; gin, 53.7; whisky, 53.9 of alcohol. The maximum is in Scotch whisky, 54.3.

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